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Awaiting The Proof

It is almost anti-climactic to mention it, but there is still no conclusive evidence that the Russian cosmonaut Titov repeatedly circled the planet as Russia claimed.

Russia has wrung all the propaganda juice from the event, in any case, without ever being called upon to produce the proof. But these weeks later, reports The Insider's Newsletter, the Central Intelligence Agency is still weighing the Russian claims.

CIA agents note that one Russian writer had Titov wearing an orange suit when he took off, and another had him in blue overalls when he landed. In Baltimore a few days ago, a scheduled showing of Titov's flight was called off when Russian officials entered the room and said the films were needed in New York. Finally, Titov, unlike the earlier cosmonaut Gagarin, has never spoken outside Russia.

Possibly Titov accomplished all that:
the Russians claimed he did. But
there is a conspicuous lack of hard
proof. It is made the more consplcuous by the wide-open, televised rocket
experiments which have been carried out at this country's Cape
Conserveral.

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